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## **Announcing the New Executive Director for the Colorado Nursery and Greenhouse Association**

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The Board of Directors of CNGA is proud to introduce the new Executive Director, Glenda Mostek. She will begin serving the members of CNGA in January of 2020.

Greetings! I am excited to be working with you all, and I am looking forward to getting to know you in the coming months. My plans include traveling the state and visiting your businesses, so be prepared for me to drop in with coffee!

As a grant manager and marketing specialist for the Colorado Department of Agriculture, I spent the last five and a half years helping people with innovative visions to improve their communities, industries and lives. I managed the Specialty Crop Block Grant, which CNGA has previously received, and look forward to working to continue that relationship with the new grants specialist who will replace me at CDA.

I actively pursued opportunities to expand my experience by taking the lead on our new Ag Workforce Development internship program, holding a leadership role in the CDA's strategic planning process, and working with stakeholder staff and leadership on challenges ranging from HR issues to strategic planning. Part of my responsibility was oversight of eight non-profit boards that manage the state's check-off programs, so I am familiar with the challenges and opportunities of associations and their boards.

Before joining CDA, I worked for six years at Colorado Wheat, encompassing a check-off organization, a member association, and a research foundation. Prior to that, I was with the National Honey Board. I am delighted to take the next step of my career with another organization involving agriculture, and to learn why our members are involved in the industry and what makes your businesses tick. I recently started an online Masters' program in Organizational Leadership, to help me better understand the functions of leadership and how to position an organization to move forward in our rapidly changing times.

Growing up on a cattle ranch in western South Dakota, I attended a one-room country school where I was generally in a class of 2 and my brother was sometimes the only boy. I roomed and boarded in Rapid City to attend high school, where my class size increased to 367. I was active in 4-H, music lessons and choir and theatre in high school. My parents are still on the ranch in SD, and my 85-year old father manages a herd of 50 cows, with just a bit of help from a hired man. I have been married to Ken for 25 years, and we have lived in Colorado for 20 years. We are the cool aunt and uncle of the family, with no kids of our own but 12 nieces and nephews.